

RECOGNIZING THE 79TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 79th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. I recently had the opportunity to visit with a constituent of mine from Pasco County, Florida, Mr. Wigmore, on his 100th birthday. Mr. Wigmore is a Pearl Harbor survivor, and I appreciate his heroism.

While there are very few Pearl Harbor survivors remaining throughout our Nation, unfortunately, we must never forget their bravery, service, and sacrifice.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, Japan launched a sneak attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet's base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Tragically, the attack killed 2,403 American servicemembers—heroes, Mr. Speaker—and wounded almost 1,200 more. Despite inflicting heavy casualties, the attackers failed to achieve their objective of disabling the U.S. fleet.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we all remember the lives lost on that day and celebrate the remarkable contributions that the Greatest Generation made for all of us.

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(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, at 7:48 a.m. on December 7, 1941, the Empire of Japan deliberately attacked the United States—a sneak attack—at our naval station at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

This surprise attack was meant to cripple the United States Pacific Fleet before we had the chance to do anything about World War II. Rather than facing defeat, the American people—our soldiers, our military, all of us—fought back.

In the end, it was the determined spirit of the American military and the commitment of Americans to innovate and use all of our materials to produce wartime products that ultimately led to an Allied victory.

Just a few short months later, on April 18, 1942, America struck back with the Jimmy Doolittle Raiders telling the islands of Japan that we are here and we are not going away. They were heroes there as well.

Mr. Speaker, 79 years later we honor the 2,403 servicemembers and civilians who were killed that day—a day which President Roosevelt said was a date which will live in infamy. We owe them a huge amount of gratitude, and we also need to remember that our own military readiness needs to be on con-

stant alert and that we need to do everything we can today to make sure that we as Americans are ready for any threat.

COVID VACCINES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, there are 14.8 million cases of COVID-19, now some 282,000 deaths. In the State of Texas, there are 1.3 million, an increase of 10,000 cases and 23,000-plus deaths. The numbers keep going up. The scientists predict that we may have as many as 500,000 deaths by March 2021.

There has to be a national protocol of wearing masks, socially distancing, and washing your hands. But as we begin to do the vaccines, there must be a public understanding of, one, the safety of those vaccines; but, number two, the vaccines should be distributed in our small and local hospitals that our communities are familiar with along with local health facilities.

We will be working to ensure that populations—people of color and indigent people who are impacted—have access to vaccines where they are familiar with medical professionals. That should be the route of the United States Congress and pass the COVID-19 package not next week, but this week. Our constituents are desperate.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF HENDERSON COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT MARGANNA STANLEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COX of California). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I am going to spend the next 30 or so minutes discussing some various topics and recognizing a few people in my congressional district for various things.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marganna Stanley of Henderson County on her retirement after 30 years as an educator, including serving the last 6 years as superintendent of Henderson County Schools.

Ms. Stanley has lived out her childhood dream of teaching and has maintained an unwavering love for education throughout her career. Through the years, she has worked in various roles in the Henderson County school system, including serving as a classroom teacher in the district office, as a principal, and eventually as superintendent.

Although the roles have changed, her passion for educating students has not. Even when she wasn't in the classroom every day, she would regularly show up to read to classrooms and find other ways to maintain a close connection with students.

I am honored to congratulate Ms. Stanley on a successful tenure as an educator in my congressional district. I know that she has left a positive impact on the lives of numerous young people over the past 30 years, and I wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JUDGE TIMOTHY STARK

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Judge Timothy Stark of Graves County on his upcoming retirement after 16 years of distinguished service as circuit court judge.

A lifelong Graves County native, Judge Stark is well-respected in his community and has a knowledge of the law that is second to none. He has led on issues of extreme importance, including introducing a drug court program which has helped countless individuals get their lives back on track. Over the years, he has served as a mentor to many young people in the legal profession, including my chief of staff, Caroline Cash.

There is no doubt that Judge Stark's leadership in the judicial arena will be missed. I salute him for his years of service and wish him nothing but the best in a well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING CURTIS HANCOCK

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and honor that I rise to recognize my dear friend, Curtis Hancock, on his retirement from the Farm Credit Council Board of Directors and his many contributions to Kentucky agriculture. Curtis Hancock is a lifelong farmer and, today, owns and operates Hancock Family Farms growing corn, wheat, and soybeans in Fulton, Kentucky.

Throughout his career, Curtis has shown great support for agriculture through leadership positions across the industry, and I have had the pleasure of seeing firsthand his tireless advocacy for farmers and ranchers.

Curtis' leadership and contributions to Kentucky agriculture are unmatched, including as a former board member of Kentucky Small Grain Growers' Association, a former member of Hickman County Farm Bureau, the local Southern States Cooperative, and the Hickman County Farm Service Agency.

Curtis has also been an advocate for Kentucky farmers within the Farm Credit System. Curtis was a longtime director and past board chair at River Valley AgCredit in Mayfield, Kentucky, which supports farmers throughout my district. He also serves on the board and is past chair at AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, which supports farmers in rural communities throughout the Southeast. Since 2003, Curtis has served on the Farm Credit Council Board of Directors, including 2 years as chair of the national organization.

Curtis received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from the University of Tennessee-Martin and a master